

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 24th November 2019

More countries in Europe, Africa & the Middle East gain access to 50 MHz

In the past week, the World Radio Communication Conference WRC-19 has just approved an allocation in the 50 MHz band for radio amateurs in Region 1 which includes Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Before WRC-19 there were only 11 countries in Africa with a primary allocation in the band. When the final acts take effect, there will be 44 countries in Region 1 with a primary allocation of at least 500 kHz including 26 countries with a primary allocation of the entire band 50-54 MHz. The entire region will have an amateur secondary allocation of 50-52 MHz except in the Russian Federation, whose administration opted for only 50.080-50.280 MHz on a secondary basis.

Dave Court, EI3IO, led the IARU effort on the agenda item at the conference which engaged all six regional telecommunications organisations.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Tuesday 10th December at 8.30pm. New members or anyone interested in amateur radio are very welcome.

For anyone who wishes to find out more about the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can attend any of their meetings. You can also check out their website www.ei7trg.ie or contact club PRO Ronan EI4KN at QTHR for further information.

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club

The LCARC new call sign EI4LCR was aired on Saturday 16th and Thursday 21st of November from the Shannon Aviation Museum, Shannon. Ten club members attended on Saturday and four on Thursday. Bands used were 40, 20 and 17 metres on CW and SSB. Altogether eight entities were worked which included Brendan EI0CZ worked K1JD in Nevada using CW on 17 metres with 100W at 15:16 on Saturday and Dermot EI2GT worked Egypt on 20M SSB.

Shannon Aviation Museum has allowed the Club to set up a club station, in a section of the Museum, using the Club ICOM 756 and Kenwood 940S. Currently, the antenna is a G5RV orientated North South. Plans are to build and to experiment with various HF antennas over the coming months. It is also planned to operate on the VHF and UHF bands.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

A reminder that the November meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Monday the 25th of November 2019 in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8.00 p.m. sharp. At this meeting, Roger EI8KN will be presenting a prize quiz. So you may wish to brush up on all things amateur radio. As this will be the last club meeting for 2019 all members are please asked to attend. As always new members are very welcome to attend also.

Everyone in EI2WRC would like to congratulate all those who passed the recent HAREC exam but especially club member Sam Wilson. Well done Sam on achieving your goal and we hope you have many hours of happy and good DX. For anyone who was not lucky enough to pass this time keep on studying and learning and you will get there next time.

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group remind people that are intending to book their hotel rooms for the IRTS AGM 2020 weekend in April 2020 to book them as soon as possible please. Rooms have been taken very quickly for the weekend so if you are to be sure to obtain a room in the hotel for the weekend please book it as soon as possible. Details about the weekend including room prices can be found at <https://agm2020cw.blogspot.com>

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to “southeasternarg /at/ Gmail /dot/ com” or please feel free to come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website www.searg.ie and you also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

Reminder that the Shannon Basin Radio Club will be holding its AGM in Hannons Hotel Roscommon on Wednesday the 11th December at 20:00. All members are requested to attend and anyone wishing to join the club is more than welcome. Refreshments provided on the night. Please see www.sbrc.ie or club Facebook page for more details.

DX News

Mount Athos has been active in recent weeks with the appearance of Monk Iakovos on the amateur bands using the callsign SV2RSG/A. He has received the necessary permission from the Holy Community of Mount Athos and plans to be on the air when time allows. This is the first activity from this DXCC entity since the death of Monk Apollo SV2ASP/A earlier this year. QSLs can be sent to the address on QRZ.COM

Darrin N4WTN has recently arrived to work on Ascension Island and has been issued with the callsign ZD8DRP. He hopes to be on the air very soon.

An international group is QRV from Zanzibar Island until 28th November. The callsign is 5H3UA and they will be on all HF bands on CW, SSB and digital. Look for them during the CQWW CW DX Contest on the weekend of 23rd/24th November. IOTA reference for Zanzibar is AF-032. QSL via ClubLog OQRS.

Mats RM2D will operate from Vietnam as XV9D until 30th November. He will be mainly on CW. QSLs go directly to EA5GL.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam/at/irts/dot/ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

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